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[Despatch Abstract.]

Estates land Act - Section 18.3 - Application for determination of private land - final - instructions issued

Copy of G.O.Ms.No.266 Revenue (Confidential) dated the 29th January 1952.

Estates Land Act - Section 183 - Applications for determination of 'private land' - Disposal - Instructions issued.

From the Board of Revenue (Settlement of Estates) L.Dis.S.E.(E) 1795/51-3, dated the 2nd July 1951.

An allegation was made that a number of inamdars in the Tirunelveli district had put forward claims of title to the entire cultivated areas in their estates and that the officers of the Government had accepted such claims with the result that the Rent Reduction Act had not been applied to those estates. The Government have verified the matter. They find that the estates referred to are those in which there are no ryoti lands and also no persons claiming to be ryots. The Act applies only to ryoti lands in estates. There is therefore nothing wrong in not applying the Act to the estates referred to. The allegation that the Act was not applied to these estates for the reason that the entire cultivated areas therein were the private lands of the landholders is therefore not true.

2. Cases may however occur in which landholders of estates apply under Section 183 of the Estates Land Act, to officers functioning as Collectors under that Act, for a decision on the question whether particular lands in their estates are or are not their private lands and the officers give a decision on the question. Under the provisions of the Abolition Act, a landholder of an estate, will, when his estate is taken over under that Act, be entitled to ryotwari patta, among others, in respect of such lands as belonged to him immediately before the notified date as private land within the meaning of Section 3, clause 10(a) or clause 10(b), as the case may be, of the Estates Land Act or stood recorded as his private land in a record prepared under Chapter XI or Chapter XII of that Act. The Government consider that it is not desirable that a landholder should get any land in his estate recorded as his private land under the provisions of Chapter XII of the Estates Land Act just when his estate is about to be taken over by the Government under the Abolition Act and that accordingly officers functioning as Collectors under the Estates Land Act should, when applications are made to them under Section 183 of that Act, not ascertain and record whether the lands referred to in the applications are or are not the private lands of the landholders but should reject the applications summarily. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue instructions to the officers accordingly.

(True Copy).

Superintendent